

TOWN COUNCIL OF FRINTON AND WALTON

**MINUTES of the Recreation and Amenities Committee
held at the Council House, Frinton-on-Sea,
Thursday, 12th June 2014 commencing at 7.20pm**

Present :

Councillors J. Robertson Chairman
E.T. Allen, Mrs I. Johnson, C.S. Keston, Mrs J. King

Absent:

Councillors R.J. Bucke, M.A. Cossens, B. Johnson

In Attendance

Mrs M. Liles - Town Clerk
Mrs D. Milnes - Deputy Town Clerk

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors R.J. Bucke and B. Johnson.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22ND MAY 2014

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 22nd May 2014 (pages 1 – 4) be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE MEETING

Minute 8, page 3 – Seafront Shelter in Walton-on-the-Naze, the meeting was advised that an inspection of the shelter had been undertaken and it was hoped to consider repairs at the next meeting.

Minute 7, page 3 – Festive Lights, the Clerk advised that a further quotation would be sought for the provision of new lights for Walton-on-the-Naze as opposed to using those in storage.

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COLUMBINE CENTRE – PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND BOOKINGS

A list of regular hirers and future bookings at the Centre had been included in the papers and were noted by those present.

Councillor Mrs King suggested that one of the lap tops at the Columbine Centre be uploaded with photographs and details of past events at the Centre as a promotional tool for future enquiries.

The Clerk agreed to investigate and advised that further promotion of the Columbine would be forthcoming.

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COLUMBINE CENTRE – MAINTENANCE ISSUES AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT

The Clerk advised that an order had been placed for the curtains and follow spot.

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COLUMBINE CENTRE – CATERING

Members had been supplied with details of an interested party in providing catering facilities at the Columbine Centre and it was

RECOMMENDED

that Tasteful Catering Ltd offer catering facilities at the Columbine Centre on a trial basis until the end of September 2014.

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COLUMBINE CENTRE – FRINTON SUMMER DANCE EVENT

The Clerk appraised Members of a recent meeting at the Centre in this regard.

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COLUMBINE CENTRE – LETTER FROM HIRER

A copy of a letter received from Stagestruck was circulated which outlined the distinct increase in hire charges compared to a comparative time last year. Members considered the information provided and it was

RECOMMENDED

that on this occasion a reduction from £760.00 to £500.00 for the two day hire be offered.

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FESTIVE LIGHTS

This item had been considered under matters arising.

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SEAFRONT SHELTERS

The Clerk advised that Tendring District Council will be reviewing the zig-zag area in the Autumn and it was proposed to defer any further discussion in regard to the zig-zag shelter until after a report is received.

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CLOCK TOWER SHELTER CLOCK

Following consideration it was

RECOMMENDED

that the estimate in the sum of £600.00 plus vat for work in situ or if it is found that the clock needs to be removed for repair the sum of £1050.00 plus vat is accepted. The repairer to accept that any tiles broken should be replaced at their expense.

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PROVISION OF A GOALEND AND BASKET HOOP IN FRINTON-ON-SEA

The Clerk advised that a response had been received from Tendring District Council advising that the matter would be brought to the attention of the Portfolio Holder before a full response could be sent. Therefore the proposal to provide a goalend and basket hoop on the Kiosk Field in Frinton-on-Sea would be further considered following a response from the District Council.

Councillor E.T. Allen referred to the increasing number of Kite Surfing users of the Greensward and asked that a letter be sent to the District Council in regard to the safety of others and whether there had been any agreement entered into or permission sought or given.

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ALLOTMENTS

Members were appraised by a written report and verbally with the current issues that were being experienced at the Town Council's Allotment sites. Following visits by the Deputy Clerk and the Administrative Officer some tenants had been written to, the Dog Warden had been contacted in regard to signage to try and alleviate the problem of dog fouling at Wittonwood Lane.

The Committee was advised by the Clerk of a request from the tenant of Plot 22B & 23B to build a structure using windows that were currently being stored on the plot, which officers had asked to be removed, following consideration the request was denied.

The Clerk asked Members to consider the current agreement specifically in regard to structures on the allotments and the increase in numbers of tenants now housing chickens on their plots. Following discussion it was

RECOMMENDED

that as from 1st January 2015 all tenants will be required to seek permission to place a structure on their plots and no chickens will be permitted.

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EXCLUSION

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED

that pursuant to Section 1 of the public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the Press and the Public from the meeting of the following items of business because of their special and confidential nature.

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PROPOSED EXTENSIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO THE COLUMBINE CENTRE

A further revised set of proposed extensions and alteration were circulated and it was moved, seconded and

RECOMMENDED

that planning permission be sought and outside funding and grants investigated.

There being no further matter to consider the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.23pm.

The Recreation & Amenities Committee is next scheduled to meet on Thursday 3rd July 2014.

CHAIRMAN